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25X1C 1. the following information was obtained on the Berlin-Babelsberg sanatorium which has been used as an army hospital for patients with tuberculosis and suspect of contagious diseases since 1945 :
Only light cases have been treated for some weeks, seriously ill patients were transferred to the Soviet Union aboard a hospital train. All medical equipment and furniture was shipped away. The leading physicians were transferred and only some young doctors remained. The sanatorium is allegedly to be converted into an officers' convalescent home. *

25X1C 2. it was observed that the Buch (N 53/Z 96) hospital had been transferred to the Beelitz (M 53/Y 87) sanatoriums after late December 1943. The move was still under way in mid-January 1950. The entire hospital equipment and part of the German personnel have been shipped away. The hospital was taken over by the German administration on 15 January 1950, with about 50 military patients still in the hospital. It was rumored that a children's hospital or a police hospital was to established there. **

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3. It was learned that the Soviet hospital in the Beelitz sanatoriums was transferred to Dresden (N 52/F 29) in early January 1950. The Buch Soviet hospital has been moved to the Beelitz sanatoriums. An officer named Veidmann was identified as supply officer of the hospital.***

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* a. An SMA hospital [REDACTED] is known to have been in Potsdam-Babelsberg. According to previous reports, the seriously ill patients were allegedly transferred to the East in March 1949 (F) and the entire hospital has been dissolved since November 1949 (C). This information is confirmed by the above report.

** b. The large Soviet hospital was in Buch, probably in the former large infirmary. The information on the dissolution of the Buch hospital and its transfer to Beelitz was confirmed by rail shipping records, according to which a Soviet hospital train moved from Buch to Beelitz on 29 January 1950 and, probably empty, returned to Buch on 3 February 1950. The transfer of the Buch hospital may be connected with the move of the Soviet medical school from Buch allegedly to Leipzig in October 1949.

*** c. The former Beelitz sanatoriums near Potsdam were occupied by a large Soviet hospital and sanatorium [REDACTED]. This information was last confirmed in June 1949 by Soviet documents mentioning the [REDACTED].
25X1C The information on the transfer of the Beelitz hospital to Dresden and the transfer of the Buch hospital to Beelitz is considered credible.
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